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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage comprising
applying to said keratinous fiber a composition comprising an effective amount of at least one plant extract chosen from ~~wheat germ extract~~ and willowherb extract.
2. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises at least one sugar.
3. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 2, wherein said sugar is chosen from monosaccharides, disaccharides and polysaccharides.
4. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 3, wherein said monosaccharides are chosen from pentoses and hexoses.
5. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 4, wherein said pentoses are chosen from ribose, arabinose, xylose, lyxose, ribulose, and xylulose.
6. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 4, wherein said hexoses are chosen from allose, altrose, glucose, mannose, gulose, idose, galactose, talose, sorbose, psicose, fructose, and tagatose.

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7. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 3, wherein said disaccharides are chosen from maltose, sucrose, cellobiose, trehalose and lactose.

8. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 4, wherein said polysaccharides are chosen from starches, dextrans, celluloses and glycogens.

9. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 2, wherein said sugar is sucrose and said plant extract is willowherb extract.

10. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of a liquid, oil, paste, stick, dispersion, emulsion, lotion, gel, or cream.

11. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 1, wherein said keratinous fiber is chosen from hair, eyelashes, and eyebrows.

12. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 1, wherein said at least one plant extract is present in said composition at a concentration ranging from 0.01% to 5.0% relative to the total weight of the composition.

13. (original) A method of protecting keratinous fiber from extrinsic damage according to claim 2, wherein said at least one sugar is present in said composition at a concentration ranging from 0.001% to 3.0% relative to the total weight of the composition.